

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
March, 2009
Montana

Caseload

- 5,549 children were served this month in this program
- 3,450 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 8.1% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.8% of all families served

Children

- 86.5% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.3% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 122 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 23.4% of all children served
- White children accounted for 77.7% of all children served

Families

- 76.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 87.0% of families were headed by a single parent
- 15.8% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$392 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 8.2% of the cost and the program paid 91.8%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$423
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$254
- 84.8% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Park County at \$556 per child
- Sweet Grass County ranks first in relative care statewide with 72.7% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Judith Basin County, where 50.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF